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"L" DIVISION R.C.M.P.

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PREFACE:

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Prince Edward Island continues to pursue its objectives of: maintaining peace, order and security; crime prevention and law enforcement; in accordance with the policing contracts entered into with the Province and Municipalities which we serve.

On April 1, 1986, we will commence our fifty-fifth year of service to the residents of Prince Edward Island. As in the past, every effort is being made to provide the highest level of performance at the most reasonable cost. The need to make the cost efficient use of human and other resources is stressed continuously and significant reductions were realized in a number of areas during 1985.

Detachments continue to be operated at Alberton, Summerside, Borden, Charlottetown, Sherwood/Parkdale, Montague and Souris. A summer detachment is operated at Cavendish to respond to the increased workload due to the tourist influx.

Division Headquarters, located in Charlottetown, houses Division management, specialized sections and support services for the R.C.M.P. throughout Prince Edward Island.

DIVISION MANAGEMENT:

"L" Division maintains a complement of two (2) Commissioned Officers. The Commanding Officer is responsible for the overall operation of the R.C.M.P. in Prince Edward Island. The Criminal Investigation Branch Officer (C.I.B.O.) reports to the Commanding Officer and is responsible for operational policy and policing in the Division, as well as the related duties of Division Intelligence and Security Officer.

The R.C.M.P. operations are divided into five responsibility areas: Criminal Investigation Branch (C.I.B.); Financial Services (F.S.S.); Staffing, Personnel (Regular Members, Civilian Members and Special Constables) and Training; Administration, Personnel (Public Service Employees) and Informatics; and Planning. Each Responsibility Centre Manager reports and is responsible to the Commanding Officer.

PERSON POWER DISTRIBUTION:

As of 85-12-31, the total established strength of "L" Division was 154, deployed in the following manner:

Establishment by Rank and Location:

	C/SUPT	INSP	S/SGT	SGT	CPL	CST	S/CST	C/M	PSE	UNCL
Division HQ	1	1	5	7	12	7	-	9	13	2
Alberton	-	-	-	1	2	9	-	-	1	
Summerside	-	-	1	-	3	9	1	-	2	
Borden	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	1	
Charlottetown	-	-	1	1	6	22	-	-	3	
Sherwood/Parkdale	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	-	-	
Montague	-	-	-	1	1	8	-	-	-	
Souris	-	-	-	1	1	6	-	-	-	
TOTALS:	1	1	7	13	26	72	1	9	22	2

Establishment by Major Function:

Provincial Policing	.....	103
Municipal Policing	.....	12
Federal Policing	.....	18
Division Administration	.....	21
TOTALS:	.....	154

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

The Division Financial Services Section (F.S.S.) prepares and monitors the Division's Budgetary Programs. Figures for the fiscal year 1985/86 were:

Source of Funds:

Federal Government	.....	$3,455,000.00
Provincial Government	.....	$3,700,000.00
Municipal Government	.....	$ 415,000.00
TOTALS	....	$7,570,000.00

NOTE: Although this Annual Report is based on the calendar year, the R.C.M.P. financial system is based on the fiscal calendar - 85-04-01 to 86-03-31.

Disbursement of Funds:

Salaries and Allowances	$5,883,000.00
Transportation and Travel	$ 478,000.00
Professional and Special Services	$ 181,000.00
Rentals	$ 52,000.00
Repair and Upkeep	$ 180,000.00
Utilities and Supplies	$ 505,000.00
Miscellaneous	$ 25,000.00
Equipment	$ 266,000.00
TOTALS	$7,570,000.00

During the past year a concerted effort was maintained to keep expenditures to a "minimum" as well as realizing "maximum" benefit of dollars spent. Managers at all levels have been required to monitor high cost factors, (e.g. overtime), and to promote energy conservation measures. Members have also been requested to identify and utilize innovative measures in relation to the daily operation of transport and equipment.

PROVINCIAL POLICING:

Prince Edward Island retains the distinction of having one of, if not, the lowest crime incident rates per capita throughout Canada. A source of continuing pride for both its citizens and those engaged in the police profession.

All Detachment and Highway Patrol personnel are responsible for both Criminal Code and Highway Traffic enforcement programs. Meeting the peace, order and security needs of the communities which they serve is the fundamental goal of these units. Crime prevention and police community relations activities also constitute a major role in their policing endeavours. It is recognized that the police service is a special but interrelated component of the community. Thus wherever possible, we must support, educate, co-ordinate and foster self-policing capacities amongst all citizens. Communities are therefore encouraged to become an active partner in the decision making process which affects priorities, allocation and the implementation of police services. To this end, individuals are becoming involved in community based programs such as: Neighborhood Watch; Block Parent; and Child Identification programs. The Alcohol and Drug Free Graduation concept was introduced through this medium to the Senior High Schools on the Island.

The benefits and results of these programs are difficult to measure. It is, however, gratifying to note that the overall Criminal Code offences in 1985 showed a 2.4% decrease over 1984; while our successful clearance rates (i.e. through charges in Court, diversion, etc.) showed a slight increase and is comparable to the Force's national clearance rate.

The support services of our Identification Section; Police Dog Service; Crime Prevention and Comunity Relations Section; and the

Canadian Information Centre (CPIC) are drawn from Division resources. While they provide essential assistance to all Federal and Provincial policing activities on the Island, they are primarily dedicated to Provincial enforcement endeavours. Further support services are provided by the Polygraph Operators and Forensic Laboratories in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

With the ever-increasing sophistication and mobility of our criminal element, co-operation among the police forces is an essential element in combatting crime. Accordingly, there is a continual sharing of information between the R.C.M.P. and the Municipal Police Departments of Charlottetown, Summerside, St. Eleanors, Kensington, and CN Police.

MUNICIPAL POLICING:

Our Sherwood/Parkdale Detachment is the only unit exclusively dedicated to Municipal policing, employing a total of nine (9) Regular Members, five (5) for Sherwood and four (4) for Parkdale. The Town of Montague employs two (2) Regular Members and the Town of Souris, one (1) Regular Member under Municipal contracts with the Federal Government that do not involve the Province. Extended policing contracts exist between the Province and the Municipalities of Alberton and Tignish for the services of one member in each. Monthly reports are provided by the Detachment Commanders.

TRAFFIC SERVICES:

The continuing high number of fatal and injury accidents remain a great concern. The following statistics depict the accident situation within R.C.M.P. jurisdiction.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS:

Accident Type	1983	1984	1985
Fatal M.V.A.'s	29 (31)*	26 (31)*	30 (34)*
Injury M.V.A.'s	375	368	370
Property Damage M.V.A.'s	1649	1720	1842

Note: (*) - These figures indicate the actual number of persons killed as a result of the motor vehicle accident.

Although the figures for injury accidents are fairly constant for the past three years, the fatalities have increased. Sadly, 54% involved individuals under twenty-five years.

Our 1986 enforcement programme, as a result of the fact that close to 65% of fatalities had some form of liquor involvement while excessive speed was the other primary contributing factor, will emphasize enhanced driver awareness as well as the detection and prosecution of offenders. In this respect, it is indeed encouraging to note the continuing support and co-operation being received from the Provincial Government and other special interest groups.

NATIVE POLICING:

To ensure the Force has the capability to respond to the policing needs of the Lennox Island Reserve, one person is employed there under the Indian Special Constable Program. This Special Constable reports directly to the N.C.O. in Charge Summerside Detachment and provides an important link between the residents of Lennox Island and the R.C.M.P.

A concerted effort is made to ensure police assistance is available to other Reserves within the Province. Accordingly, members of Charlottetown Detachment have established working relationships with local officials at Rocky Point and Scotchfort Reserves. While members of Souris Detachment co-operate with the residents of the Morell Rear Reserve.

FEDERAL POLICING:

An effective Federal enforcement program is maintained involving an extensive range of Federal Statutes; including the Narcotic Control and Food and Drugs Act; Customs and Excise Act; Immigration and Passport Act; Citizenship Act; Aeronautics Act; Petroleum Administration Act; Export-Import Act; Canada Shipping Act and the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

Federal policing requires a great deal of proactive effort. Thus in addition to their specific responsibilities, our specialized Federal Sections assist Provincial Units whenever possible.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING (EDP):

During 1985 the computerized Police Information Retrieval System (PIRS) was placed on line at the following Units:

- Charlottetown Detachment
- Montague Detachment
- Alberton Detachment
- Summerside Detachment

The system provides administrative and operational assistance for all levels of management. It is a valuable operational investigative aid with the indexing of all occurrences related to subjects, vehicles and property with recall down to the Unit level.

Our Division Data Centre has access, via computer linkage with Ottawa, to personnel information, person hour expenditures and organizational databases. Other systems such as statistical analysis, inventory control, word processing, general information storage and retrieval are also available through our E.D.P. system.

POLICE DOG SERVICES:

The Division Dog Master together with PSD London responded to 168 calls during 1985; an increase of 27% over the previous year. The requests for the services of this Section are varied. Homicide, assaults, robbery, break and enters, and missing persons are examples of the types of calls handled by this Unit.

A Case of Interest occurred on 85-12-12, when a call was received at approximately 6:00 a.m. to the effect that an elderly gentlemen had wandered away from his home between 1:00 a.m. and 5:45 a.m. The temperature was -8°C. An immediate search was conducted with PSD London who picked up a scent and followed a track away from the house across the lawn to a spot in a ditch where the missing person was located. He had fallen and injured his head. He was semi-conscious and was wearing

nothing but a pyjama top. This incident had a happy ending but could have been much different if the P.D.S. team had not been available at such short notice or responded so promptly and effectively.

SPECIAL "I" SECTION:

This one-man Unit is primarily involved in investigation under Part IV.1 of the Criminal Code, the Privacy Act, and deals with all facets of Privacy Act enforcement.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT:

The dedicated R.C.M.P. Drug Enforcement Units are continuing to priorize their efforts toward national and international traffickers of drugs. This has resulted in uniformed personnel placing emphasis on local "street level" drug activities in their respective Detachment areas.

Local grown marihuana is being encountered and a recent seizure of home grown plants was valued at approximately $80,000.00.

RECRUITING:

During 1985, Recruiting in the R.C.M.P. increased slightly over 1984. Five (5) new members were engaged from Prince Edward Island. All five recruits had University degrees with one having the additional qualification of being bilingual.

In addition, one (1) person was hired as a Civilian Member and posted to Ottawa in Computer Services.

Existing recruitment profiles emphasize degrees in disciplines of potential value to the force and bilingual capabilities. Priority is also afforded to the hiring of qualified females, indigneous peoples and members of visible minority groups.

Full advantage is taken of every opportunity to hire qualified Island residents. Thus while recruitment throughout Canada has been severely restricted in recent years, this situation is improving and our numbers should correspondingly increase.

SUMMER STUDENT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM:

Fourteen University students, all with Island ties, were hired in May 1985 under a Federally-funded employment program. The students, after suitable training, were appointed Provincial Police Constables under the P.E.I. Police Act and were issued with R.C.M.P. uniforms. They were assigned to Detachments throughout the Province and worked under direct supervision and guidance of Regular R.C.M.P. Members. Their duties were varied and ranged from general investigation and highway patrol to enforcement of Federal Statutes and water safety patrols.

The feedback received from participants indicates that this is a worthwhile program which significantly assists them in deciding their future career paths. The program will continue in 1986.

AUXILIARY POLICING PROGRAM:

As of December 1985, the total R.C.M.P. Auxiliary complement was forty-four (44) persons, out of a potential seventy-five (75) Provincially authorized positions. The Auxiliary members worked a total of 5,487.5 hours of which 4,576 were incurred on a voluntary non-remunerative basis. This group of community-minded individuals provide significant support for our regular personnel during events such as Old Home Week and holiday weekends. They also assist our members on routine patrols and Operation "Check Stop".

The existence of a trained body of personnel such as the Auxiliary Constables is of great benefit to the citizens of Prince Edward Island. They can be called upon to provide assistance in the event of a major occurrence. These people voluntarily participate in regular training programs and are only paid a small fee when specifically requested to respond to emergent situations.

Auxiliary personnel deserve the congratulations of their fellow citizens as they exemplify a willingness to serve their community in a most unselfish and meaningful way.

THE FUTURE:

Historically an excellent relationship has existed between the R.C.M.P., the Department of Justice, Municipal police forces and other enforcement agencies. This rapport is acknowledged as a significant and essential factor in our ability to provide the best service possible to the Province.

The importance of crime prevention and police community relations programs will continue to be stressed by all Units. Also enforcement of the Highway Traffic Act, Criminal Code provisions for the drinking driver, and the continuing education of the driving public, will receive high priority. This including the "Check Stop" program are dedicated to removing the drinking driver from Island roads and lowering the accident rate.

The realities of economic restraint in both Provincial and Federal programs will continue in 1986. We, however, are confident that current high standards will be maintained in order to meet the needs of the people of Prince Edward Island.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS CHART:

OFFENCES	YEAR	REPORTED CASES	1982 BASE YEAR COMPARISONS	"L" DIVISION CLEARANCE RATES
Criminal Code (Persons Offences)	1985	503	121	80%*
	1984	504	121	80%
	1983	438	105	82%
Criminal Code (Property Offences)	1985	2917	100	37%*
	1984	2846	97	37%
	1983	2700	93	41%
Criminal Code (Other Offences)	1985	2053	94	44%*
	1984	2150	98	43%
	1983	2043	94	49%
Criminal Code (Traffic Offences)	1985	1554	110	81%*
	1984	1711	121	71%
	1983	1632	115	82%
Federal Statutes (Drug Offences)	1985	254	85	64%*
	1984	326	109	66%
	1983	398	133	73%
Federal Statutes (Other Federal Acts)	1985	409	77	30%*
	1984	571	107	55%
	1983	565	106	64%
Provincial Statutes (Traffic Offences)	1985	8745	102	Data is not collected for these figures.
	1984	7322	85	
	1983	8175	95	
Provincial Statutes (Non-Traffic Offences)	1985	3819	123	Data is not collected for these figures.
	1984	3660	118	
	1983	3645	117	

Note: (*) - The clearance rate figures depicted may vary as cases received late in 1985 are brought to conclusion. The data presented is preliminary in nature.